

## THE GAZETTE.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, APRIL 14, 1858.

[SELECTED.]

## MY MOTHER'S LAST PRAYER.

As often as I turn to the past, I recall a mother's last prayer, for there is in the memory of it a freshness that I love. Other prayers she offered at the "Throne of Grace" for her little ones, but all except the last passed away as children's blessings too often do. There was indeed a mysterious, holy power in the breathings of that moment—and in the brief words, "My child, mother prays that your home may be heaven." I see more beauty than in all the figures of idyllic rhetoric, and feel them to be more potent than others that have since ascended to heaven in my behalf.

When they had lain her away forever, and my young heart felt as if it would burst with the intensity of its grief, its wild beatings were stopped by the recollection of her dying hour—surrounded by a halo of holy light, and momentarily passing more rapidly away, still remembered her face and her voice, and her words, "My child, mother prays that your home may be heaven." Why was it that you ever came and spread your mantle of sorrow over the child's young heart, and caused even the babes to weep tears of bitter anguish?

To answer when I have seen other orphans pour out their souls in grief deeply bitter, from mine has risen a prayer, such as I would none could ever need raise to "God's Throne." Oh, mother, home, heaven, how powerful, how powerful, how holy are the influences you exert, and truly all may draw from your wells of life, the reviving waters of faith which cause even children to feel the pureness of their Father's will.

"My child, mother prays that Heaven may be your home," will never be forgotten, even though life's darkest storms break over my head with unrelenting fury. Yes, mother, when you prayed that prayer as a saint's offering, it arose, and when you lifted your heart, your child's, too, arose; and often since, when I have doubted my worthiness to be a Saviour's Kingdom, "Mother prays" is recalled, and I doubt no longer. In my childhood I have sometimes thought perhaps in Heaven mother still prays that prayer; and though I know it to be a fancy, still in its seeming reality, there is a hope as sweet, as cheering, that I can scarce own it as a child's whim. My mother's last prayer—how sweet to feel that it is left, and still lives in memory. Oh, mother! Would that all your counsel could have lived on, and your prayer—your prayer, for then, it may be, your child would not so often have erred; yet, perhaps it is best, for if we taste not of life's dark, bitter streams, Heaven's joys lose one half their charms.

Think not that this is an idle fiction; no; though I would that it could never need to have been a reality, yet it was one, and my mother's last prayer is that gift that I prize far more highly than all others, and then off from life's withering power.

"I still commune with the past, I turn, I muse on her, the brightest flower in memory's urn."

I nightly pray her,

"To bless her sorrowing child, and o'er that urn, Religion's holiest shrine to give my spirit Undeified to blend with hers."

WILLIAM TELL OUTDORE.

A weaver of Stryer, in Germany, recently performed an exploit, which casts the dexterity of our Travis or Suydam, completely in the shade. He was the father of a fine boy, an affectionate husband, and known to all as a saint and a hero to excel in some one thing, and he was sure to have enemies without number. One day as the weaver sat smoking in a bar-room of a small inn, some of those mean characters approached him, and commenced bantering him upon his accuracy of aim. At first he treated their remarks as mere jokes, but their pertinacity at length overcame his good humor, and in a towering passion he started for home determined to give undeniable proof of his superiority or "perish in the attempt." Accordingly he called his little boy, a lad of twelve years old, informed him that he had "a quarrel with a ball," and could not fail to strike any mark, at the same time ordering him to place any ordinary sized post of a long alley, while he stood at the foot of the alley, fully imbued with the superstition inculcated by the stories he had heard, did not hesitate to obey the command, and the marksman fired, cutting the vegetable in two pieces, and leaving him without a scratch. Overjoyed at the success of his experiment, the weaver returned to the inn and related the exploit; but the company taunted him to the proof, and professed to believe that he was cheating them. Nothing daunted, he took them to his house, and recalling the boy, made him stand as before. Again the child took the post, and it being nearly dark, led a lantern. A second time the potato was cleaved, while the boy stood unscratched. His anxious friends applauded, of course, but the authoritative hearing of the matter, however, James and John, and brought before them. They repudiated him for the heartless deed, and declared if he ever renewed the experiment, they would shut him up in a mad house. He describes his feelings during the second essay as exciting and agonizing in the extreme; but he was determined to succeed even at the risk of killing his child.

PSYLOGRAPHY.

A new branch of art—has just acquired great development. It consists simply in cutting out sheets of black paper in such a way as to make it into a picture—figures or landscapes—which has all the finish of an engraving by the best master discovery, its Columbus being a Herr Schmidt, who armed with a pair of scissors and a sheet of paper, is able to reproduce the most complicated landscape; great improvements have been introduced by M. Muratini an Italian, who has just arrived in Paris from Ravenna, whose scissors are far more skillful, according to competent judges, than the brush and pencil of many a limner.

MALE SCHOOL—THORNTON TRIP-LETT will open his School, on Monday, April 5, 1858, in the upper story of the Star Engine Building, No. 74, on St. Asaph street, between King and Prince streets.

TEACHING.—The ordinary branches of English education, Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Geography, and English Grammar \$8 per quarter. Higher branches of English \$10 per quarter. Latin and Greek, \$12.

REPRESENTATIVES.—Wm. A. G. Robinson, Thomas Payne, E. S. Hough, H. B. Whittington, Geo. A. Alexandria.

KEYS G. W. Samson, G. H. Dorrance, and Hon. B. French, of Washington.

ALEXANDRIA LIBRARY COMPANY.—A library kept in the south room, first-story, of the Lyceum Hall, S. W. corner of Prince and Washington streets. Open every evening from 7 to 9 o'clock, and on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday afternoons, from 2 to 5 o'clock. Annual subscription, \$3; six months, \$1.50; three months, \$1. Volumes in library, about 4,800.

President—FRANCIS MILLER.

## LOTTERY ADVERTISEMENTS.

## MARYLAND STATE LOTTERIES FOR APRIL, 1858.—R. FRANCE &amp; CO., MANAGERS.

Purchasers of Tickets will bear in mind that the Maryland Lotteries, are drawn by State authority, and by a State officer—and all schemes are examined and approved by him. Beware of all Lotteries with extraordinary large Prizes for a small cost of Tickets—all such are swindles. The Managers of the Maryland Lotteries print as large and fair schemes as can be made for the price of Tickets, and persons purchasing in them, they draw a Prize, will certainly be paid. In the others, every dollar invested is so much thrown away.

Magnificent Scheme for 17th April. GRAND CONSOLIDATED LOTTERY, CLASS F. To be drawn in Baltimore City, April 17, 1858. 14 drawn Balls in each Package of 26 Tickets.

MAGNIFICENT SCHEME.	
1 2nd prize of \$62,518	10 prizes of \$1,800
1 prize of 12,500	10 prizes of 1,600
1 prize of 12,500	10 prizes of 1,400
1 prize of 8,000	10 prizes of 1,200
1 prize of 6,000	10 prizes of 1,000
1 prize of 6,000	200 prizes of 400
1 prize of 6,000	64 prizes of 150
1 prize of 6,000	64 prizes of 100
1 prize of 6,000	64 prizes of 80
5 prizes of 4,000	64 prizes of 60
5 prizes of 3,000	5,068 prizes of 20
5 prizes of 2,000	28,224 prizes of 10
34,412 prizes, amounting to \$1,179,178	
Tickets \$20; 10 Quot. \$5; 5 Quot. \$2.50.	
A package of 26 whole tickets, costs \$520.	
Must draw.....238	
Risk.....\$282	

Persons desirous of paying the risk only, can do so, and get a Managers' Certificate of Package of 26 Whole, for.....\$280  
Certificate of Package of 26 Halves.....140  
Do do 26 Quarters.....70  
Do do 26 Eighths.....35

## HAVANA PLAN.

ALL THE NUMBERS PUT IN ONE WHEEL, AND EVERY PRIZE PUT IN ANOTHER.

In this Plan, which is the old fashioned mode of drawing, every Prize is drawn out.

GRAND CONSOLIDATED LOTTERY, CLASS G. To be drawn in Baltimore, Md., Saturday, April 24th, 1858.

20,000 PRIZES! 40,000 NUMBERS!!

MONY PRIZES IN BLANKS, AND EVERY PRIZE PAID IN FULL, WITHOUT DEDUCTION.

## SPLENDID SCHEME.

1 Prize of.....\$50,000	4 Apr's to \$300
1 Prize of.....12,000	4 " " 250
1 Prize of.....4,000	8 " " 200
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